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SUBJECT:TRAVEL OF GENE RUTEMEYER, THE CPR-TEC GROUP IN

SAUDI ARABIA

JIDDA PASS TO RIYADH

1. GENE RUTEMEYER REPRESENTS CONSORTIUM OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, ARCHITECTS, CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS, AND OPERATIONS/MANAGEMENT CONTRACTORS. HE EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN RIYADH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, FOR WEEK TO TEN DAY VISIT. HE WILL CALL EMBASSY JIDDA TO DISCUSS DESIRABILITY OF MEETING WITH EMBOFFS IN JIDDA.

2. RUTEMEYER IS SEEKING TO PUT TOGETHER GROUP OF U.S. COMPANIES TO SUPPLY HOUSING IN SAUDI ARABIA. HE HAS CONTACT IN SAUDI WHO HAS ARRANGED MEETINGS FOR HIM WITH MINISTRY OF HOUSING IN RIYADH. HE HAD HEARD THAT ANOTHER TENDER OFFER FOR 100,000 HOUSES HAD BEEN CALLED AND THAT UNNAMED DUTCH FIRM GOT CONTRACT FOR FIRST 100,000 HOUSES. CAGNE PROVIDED HIM WITH INFO ON SAUDI HOUSING PROJECTS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AND SUGGESTED HE MIGHT BE ABLE GET SOME CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION WITH EMBASSY.

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DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AFTER MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF

HOUSING MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES.

3. USDOC/CAGNE WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE OF INFO ON HOUSING
PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY MINISTRY OF FINANCE 100,000 HOUSES
AND SIMILAR PROJECT BY MINISTRY OF HOUSING. REQUEST
RUTEMEYER BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE COURTESIES. INGERSOLL

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